

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Ten Mile Creek Schoolhouse
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 13/32/5 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6
Clarksburg H.D. I-12
4. Address: 20430 Ten Mile Creek Road, Boyds
5. Classification Summary
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| Category | <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u> |
| Ownership | <u>private</u> | Title and Date: | <u>1976 Inventory of</u> |
| Public Acquisition | <u>being considered</u> | | <u>Historical Sites</u> |
| Status | <u>occupied</u> | | |
| Accessible | <u>no</u> | Federal | <u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use | <u>private residence</u> | | |
6. Date: 1868 7. Original Owner:
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This T-shaped, two bay by four bay, one story building faces east onto Ten Mile Creek Road. It has six-over-six double-hung windows and a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house is sheathed in white aluminum siding on three sides; the rear (west) facade has German siding exposed.
- The front (east) section, forming the cross bar of the T, has a cement block foundation. The back (west) part's foundation was not seen.
- The east section is two bay by one bay. The roof ridge runs north-south. The west section is three bay by one bay, and the roof ridge is east-west.
10. Significance: Ten Mile Creek Schoolhouse (for white children) was one of the first public schools in the County, operating from 1868 to 1936. It was the site of the organization of Boyds Presbyterian Church in 1870, as well, and religious services were held there for six years until the Presbyterian Church was built.
- The school had been in operation two years when the Board of School Commissioners bought the half acre of property from Samuel P. and Amanda Nichools in 1870. William R. Winchell was the teacher there for 30 years, resigning in 1904.
- In the 1920's it was made into a "model school"; windows on one side were covered, and the students' desks placed at an angle to receive the correct amount of light over their left shoulders.
- The school was closed in 1936, during a period when County schools were consolidating. The building was sold to Haywood James Martin and his wife Lucille Elizabeth in 1942. They converted the school into a dwelling, adding the wing. The Martins sold it in 1969, and their son bought it back in 1974.
11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret M. Coleman-10/79
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: .50 acre

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ten Mile Creek Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

20430 Ten Mile Creek Road

CITY, TOWN

Boys

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☒ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

C. J. Martin

Telephone #: 972-1166

STREET & NUMBER

Barnesville Road

CITY, TOWN

Boys

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4494

Folio #: 31

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:13-32-5

CONDITION

___EXCELLENT
☒GOOD
___FAIR

___DETERIORATED
___RUINS
___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___UNALTERED
☒ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE
___MOVED DATE_____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Adjacent to the house on the west is the cement block foundation for a third wing, forming an I with the original building sandwiched between two parallel wings.



Ten Mile Creek Schoolhouse before conversion into a dwelling. (Date 1925)
(Photograph owned by Mrs. Nell Staley, Boyds, Md.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1868-1936

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Montgomery County Board of
School Commissioners

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A school for white children operated here from 1868 to 1936. It was one of the first public schools in the county.¹ The Board of School Commissioners bought the half acre of property from Samuel P. and Amanda Nicholls in 1870, also receiving a right of way to a nearby spring.²

The Boyds Presbyterian Church was organized in this building in 1870, and held religious services here until their edifice was ready for occupancy six years later.³

In August, 1880, the trustees of the school met to discuss adding another room due to crowded conditions. Local citizens felt that two teachers were needed instead of the one presently employed.⁴ William R. Inchell was the teacher for thirty years, resigning in 1904.⁵

According to a former Ten Mile schoolteacher, it was made into a "Model School" in the early 1920s, indicating interest in progressive, experimental methods of education in the county. The windows on one side were covered, she said, and the students' desks placed at an angle to receive the correct amount of light over their left shoulders. The school had no water; one of the boys was sent to fill the school's bucket from a spring. There were two outhouses behind the school, one for girls and one for boys.⁶

During a period of consolidation, the school was closed June 9, 1936.⁷ Offers to purchase the school from the Board were at first rejected, but Haywood James Martin and his wife, Lucile Elizabeth Martin, bought the school and half acre in 1942.⁸ They converted the school into a dwelling, adding the wing.

Lucile Martin sold the property to Charles E. Yokley in 1969.⁹ Yokley sold it to John T. Bell in 1971,¹⁰ and Bell sold it to the son of Lucile and H. James Martin three years later.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Jewell, E. Guy, Schools That Were, Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Maryland; 1973.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., EBP 7/93 (January 17, 1870).
3. Vail, Earle, The Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station; Boyds Presbyterian Church; 1976.
4. Montgomery County Sentinel, August 6, 1880.
5. Ibid., June 17, 1904.
6. Mrs. Eleanor Maughlin Young, Kensington, Md., Interview, 1978.
7. Jewell, op. cit.
8. Land Records, op. cit., 892/143 (October 6, 1942).
9. Ibid., 3860/48 (May 16, 1969).
10. Ibid., 4117/225 (July 8, 1971).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Interviews: Mrs. Eleanor Maughlin Young, Kensington, Md.; 1978

Mrs. Georgia Lawson, Boyds, Md. 1979

Mrs. Nell Staley, Barnesville Road, Boyds, Md. 1980.

Jewell, E. Guy, Schools That Were; Montgomery County Schools, Rockville, Md.; 1973.

Montgomery County Sentinel.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .50 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Southwest corner of the intersection of two dirt roads, Ganley and Ten Mile Creek Roads.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret M. Coleman

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

October 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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